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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT OF RTG HELICOPTERS IN ILLICIT DRUG SMUGGLING

REF: STATE 237996

1. IN THE COURSE OF A TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECT, I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD A REPORT THAT THAI HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN USED TO CARRY OPIUM FROM THE CHIANG MAI AREA. WE CONSIDERED THE REPORT TO BE RELIABLE AND CONSIDERED THIS AFFAIR TO BE OUTRAGEOUS. INDEED IT BROUGHT INTO QUESTION THE PROVIDING OF HELICOPTERS TO THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. I SAID WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH VARIOUS POLICE AND MILITARY LEADERS TO SEE THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CARRIED OUT AND TO ESTABLISH WHAT STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO BRING SUCH OPERATIONS TO A STOP.

2. CHATCHAI EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION. HE WAS GOING TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER OUR TALK AND I AM SURE HE WILL RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WILL MENTION THIS AFFAIR WHEN I SEE HIM.
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